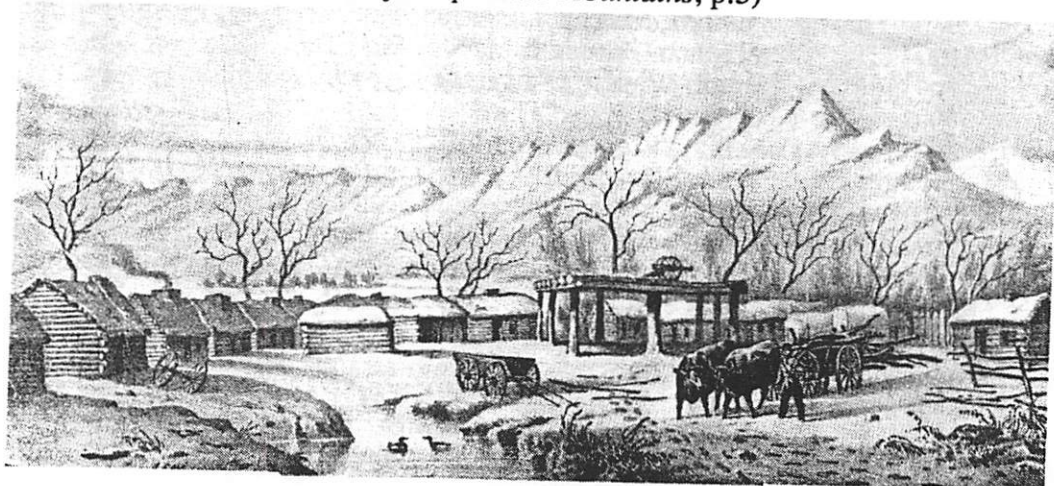


## James Chauncey Snow Surveyor

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The first steps toward settlement in Heber Valley came in July 1858, when a party headed by J. Snow, county surveyor in Provo, went to the valley and laid out a section of ground just north of Heber City. Twenty-acre lots were surveyed and each man in the party selected his farm. Having decided to settle the valley, the men turned their attention to the feasibility of constructing a road through Provo canyon. (*How Beautiful Upon the Mountains*, p.5)



FORT UTAH, 1849

From Captain Howard Stansbury's Congressional Report—1852



SURVEYORS AT WORK

In July, 1853, Alexander Keel was killed by Indians under the chief Walker, near Payson, and the Walker War was begun. The guard at Pleasant Creek, Sanpete Co., was fired upon by Indians who also, during the following night, stole some cattle at Manti, drove away horses at Nephi, and wounded Wm. Jolley at Springville. Peter W. Connover's company of militia, sent from Provo to protect the weaker settlements, had an engagement with the Indians, near the Pleasant Creek settlement in which six Indians were killed. The treaty of peace was signed by Walker in May 1854.

At a conference in Salt Lake City, April 6, 1855, it was voted to release President Isaac Higbee and appoint **James C. Snow** to fill the office as Utah Stake's fourth president. The actual reorganization was effected July 15th at a conference in Provo attended by Brigham Young and other leading officials of the Church. Dominicus Carter, James' good friend and brother-in-law, was first counselor, and James N. Jones, second counselor. As president over Utah Stake, James

and his counselors, acting under the direction of the First Presidency, ministered to the spiritual as well as the material needs of the pioneers in their territorial district. James held this position until 1858, when he resigned, and Dominicus Carter became the fifth president of Utah Stake.

Apostle George A. Smith, the second stake president in Utah County, had directed the first effort to build a Provo Meeting House or Tabernacle. In 1853 the work could not be prosecuted in consequence of the Indian war and the matter rested until about 1856. In 1856 ground on the north part of the Tabernacle Block was dedicated as site for the Meeting House and work was commenced under Pres. Snow's leadership.

Utah Stake Minutes include heartfelt counsel for the spiritual and material progress of the members given by James C. Snow and other leaders to the Saints. Persecutions and trials in Missouri and Nauvoo at times were referred to, and members were cautioned to remember the trials and live the commandments to obtain promised blessings. On June 12, 1855, James is recorded, along with other leaders, as consecrating his residence in the amount of \$1,140.00 to the Church.

President Snow held many civil positions in the community. He was a member of the Utah Legislature of 1856.

In 1857 President Young, with a selected company of 142 persons, including James and Warren Snow, left to visit the settlement at Fort Limhi on the Salmon River. They departed in 56 wagons and carriages on April 24th for the Oregon country. They remained at the Fort for several days, encouraging the settlers there, and then returned on May 26th, a month later, having covered a distance of 763 miles. Pres. Young reported in the Tabernacle of the peaceful and orderly company —"They were schooled and instructed and knew how to contribute to the comfort of each other, ... Every man was at his post, performing the duties assigned him, and that too in the faith of the gospel..." James gave his report from the Provo Bowery, May 31st:

Good morning. May God bless you all. I am pleased with the spirit that is manifested by you for I believe that you intend to do right and live your religion. I suppose you would like to hear a short detail of my mountain trip. When we left Box Elder County we crossed over into the Malad Valley. There is a settlement of the Saints. This valley is capable of sustaining 20,000 inhabitants. Wood is scarce. We then crossed over into Bannock Valley, then ... Next we came to Snake river—one of tributaries of the Columbia. There is plenty of fish and good land. Then to Spring creek and from there to Fort Limhi. The brethren now have the privilege of taking their families there and then increase with an eternal increase...

### Plural Wives

James was advised by Pres. Young to embrace the celestial law of marriage and to take another wife. He complied with this admonition, and married three other women: **LYDIA CHADWICK**, 20 February 1856, ("She left him after he married Jane Roberts."); **JANE CECILIA ROBERTS WHEELER**; 2 December 1856; **ANN CLARK**, 13 March 1857. James and Ann had two sons. "She took them to her brother's and changed their names to Clark. She left him (James) because of Aunt Liza's disapproval. She married a man named Hail."

Joseph Homer Snow, James and Jane's son, told more about this:

James C. Snow was married to Liza Ann Carter and while living at Provo in 1856, was well off financially. President Brigham Young commanded him to marry more wives.

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This was a tribute to the character of James C. Snow, as one familiar with the laws of polygamy knows. However it was a hard command for him to obey. His heart was sad, for he loved his wife and he knew what her reaction to this command would be. He would rather have parted with an arm than take unto himself another wife, but his faith was so great that he proceeded to fulfill what the Lord our God wished him to do. As he had known before hand Aunt Eliza was strongly opposed. She tried to run all wives off. President Young then picked one himself. He called James to take Jane Roberts as his second wife.

James Chauncey Snow and Jane Roberts were sealed together in celestial marriage for time and eternity by Isaac Morley at Provo, 2 December 1856 at 6:30 p.m. Dominicus Carter was a witness

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ELIZA ANN wrote a letter to (James) Chauncy Snow while he was serving in prison for polygamy:

My dear Companion,

I suppose you would like to know the reason of my not writing before, I will tell you. After the Brethern were called down it was hinted to me that you and the Bishop were in town and the Bishop was seen here last Sunday. I was so spunky to inquire to find out by them that knew. I saw Dominicus today. He said you wanted me to write. I told him I did not see the use of writing while you were in town. He said it was a mistake he also said your health was poor. I was in hopes to hear that you were well. I fear you borrow trouble about home as well as abroad. I do not want you to trouble yourself about me. I and the children are well and would feel first rate if I did not realize your fourlome situation to think of your lonesome hours, your sorrow and sighing, torn from friends and home deprived of liberty, it distroys all of my happiness.

I feel uneasy by day and night when the winds blow and the storms beat. I feel as though I could fly to think of your poor health if it was in my power I would dam all the soldiers so far into hell that they never would find way out worlds without end, my faith is unshaken. I feel like standing up and defending Mormonism all the day long. My love, faith, confidence towards you grows stronger every day. I feel thankful that I have a husband that is counted worthy to suffer, persecution for Christ's sake. Rejoice, cheer up and be comforted and remember that I am your true and faithful friend whether in life or death. I have a great care on me but I will write often as possible if you want anything let me know and I will try to get it. The boys are to work slowly. They do not take hold as I wish they would. There is no one feels the loss of your absence like I do. I am sure Jane Snow has gone to the city. Tom Wheeler is here. He brought the boys down on a visit and visit Jane on the way. He is going back to take him with him. I must close. The children are all in bed and asleep and my pen got the spring halt you can tell by the writing. Give my love to all the Brethern and Sisters in the third heaven especially the President and Bishop.

Forgive imperfections. I remain your companion through time and all eternity.

Eliza to Chauncy

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Granddaughter Ella Kinsman Milner has written some of her memories of Eliza Ann. Liza resided in Provo from the time of her arrival and was ever energetic in the cause in which she was engaged. She was head teacher in Relief Society of Fourth Ward, and often went out taking care of the sick, besides caring for her own family. She was a great singer, always in the choir. At the age of 79, could she sing—"The Seer, Joseph the Seer." Eliza Ann was handsome, dignified and proud, small and thin, always well-kept in appearance. She would wash clothes and James' only suit at night and have it ironed for the next day. Her tithes and offerings were always paid, and even within a few days of her death donated to the Temple Library. A woman of much faith both



for herself and others, many times she was healed by the power of faith, and once given up by the best physicians and it had even been reported that she was dead, she was healed. When James was in Dixie and if Eliza sold anything, she put wheat in the tithing office and sent James C. a check so he could draw it out down there. She had a lonesome time (when her husband left) "all for the Gospel." She endured many trials, but never heard to complain. (Polygamy) was a trial in those days.

"Grandfather was medium height, nice looking. No wonder he was such a charmer, always good natured... Everyone loved him because he was true in all his dealings... He raised good children by both families, all leading clean lives, following in his footsteps as Secretary and doing in the ward they lived in, remaining true to the Gospel."

Eliza directed this letter to her youngest grandchild who at that time was Rachel Jennie Snow. It was to be kept in the cornerstone of the Fourth Ward chapel until the grandchild's 21st birthday:

Provo City, March 17, 1892

Fourth Ward President (Relief Society) Mary John,  
Dear Sister,

The Relief Society that was celebrated in the Provo Tabernacle, I was not able to attend and I felt very sorry. I have been sick all winter. I was told I could give in a report of where I joined the Relief Society. It was in Hancock County, Morley Settlement, State of Illinois in 1843, President Isaac Morley organizing the Society with Lucy Morley President, and Sarah Hastings Snow (wife of Gardner Snow), Sister Whiting as counselors. After we were burnt out by the mob there was no Society organized until we came to Provo. The Relief Society in Provo was first organized in 1857 with Sister Lucy Smith as President for a few months and then she went to live in Salt Lake and Sister Holden was put in as President by James C. Snow and Bishop Elias Blackburn. And Sister Nancy Fleming and Eliza Snow were teachers until her death, which was seven years, and I then was appointed president over the teachers and was President until sickness cause me to resign, and Nancy Haws was put in my place.

You must excuse bad writing and spelling for I am old and feeble and have been a Mormon a long time. Was baptized in 1834 by John Boynton and Daniel Bean, missionaries in the town of Newy, Oxford County, State of Main.

I remain your sister in the Gospel

Eliza Ann Carter Snow

(Second half of Letter continues— Provo City, September 10, 1892)

To my Children all as one—I am your mother and I shall be seventy-four years old the 28th day of this month September. I have eight sons and daughters living in Provo City. John, Carlos, Richard, Erastus and Dominicus, and three daughters Sarah Jane, Eliza Ann and Arletta Snow, and 33 great-grandchildren. I will direct this letter to one of them.

**I will say to you all that Mormonism is true and I bear my testimony to you all that Joseph Smith was a Prophet of God and died a Martyr for his religion. So prove true to your religion that you may be saved, is my prayer.**

Eliza Ann Carter Snow

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JAMES CHAUNCEY SNOW died April 30, 1884 at Sterling, Sanpete Co., where he and Jane and their family had settled. He had remained "firm and faithful in the Church to the last."

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Provo, Utah, March 12, 1897. Mrs. ELIZA ANN CARTER SNOW died at her home in this city Wednesday evening. The funeral services were held in the Fourth ward assembly hall this forenoon. The deceased was born in Newry, Oxford county, Maine, September 18, 1818. She embraced the Gospel in 1834, and in 1836 went to Kirtland, since which time she has been with the Saints. She married the late JAMES C. SNOW in 1838 and arrived in Utah in 1852. She was the mother of nine children and had 51 grandchildren and 40 great-grandchildren. She was a faithful Latter-day Saint.

—Deseret Evening News, 12 March 1897.

James had great love and concern for each of his 20 children. Impressive counsel is given by this wise and devoted father, in these precious letters to his son, age 13:

LETTER WRITTEN TO JAMES ERASTUS SNOW BY HIS FATHER JAMES C. SNOW,  
WHILE A REPRESENTATIVE:

Representative Hall  
January 10, 1859

My Dear Son,

I received your kind note of Jan 3 as well as one from your mother. I was not a little surprised to learn the excruciating feelings you underwent on the arrival of my letter by last weeks mail. In reference to pants etc, you will most certainly learn from experience that Home is Home an asylum of Protection and Rest which you will find no where Else. Moreover I am your Father and Head and will be to all Eternity to whom you should always pay due Respect and will if you are ever crowned with me in the Celestial Glory. It has ever been my delight to grant you an favour compatible with our general interest; and would in your last requisition had it been in my power; which I fully explained. I want to keep the hay and straw from being destroyed which will require a little exertion on your part, and while it is cold be a hauling wood and poles out of the canyon and see that your Mother has a plenty of wood to burn without fail and be very kind to your Mother and your brothers and sisters. Obediance is better than sacrifice which ends in peace, glory and immortality and Eternal Life.

Brother Clark agreed to saw my lath, see him about it.  
Give my respects to all of the children.

Respectfully your father  
James C. Snow

To James E. Snow

Honor the name

Write by next mail

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LETTER WRITTEN TO JAMES ERASTUS SNOW FROM HIS FATHER JAMES C. SNOW  
Representative Hall, Jan 10, 1859

A few reflections submitted for the consideration of James C. Snow Junior (James Erastus Snow)

My son there are very many circumstances and greatly varied in their nature to, which the human family are unavoidably thrown into. These together with surrounding influences tend to make them often forget their legitimate true and faithful benefactors; indeed it seems from past experience that this is a predominating feeling with many of the rising generation which presents to the parent the most gloomy and fearful aspect, and chills the very blood that runs through his veins, while his future hopes are almost if not entirely blasted. It is truly lamentable that vain ambition coupled with ignorance and absolute disobedience, brings many a one to a most disgraceful death and untimely grave. And if by chance should escape the hand of justice, would be disgraced disheartened left in the whirlpool of ruin to wear out a most miserable existence,

having nothing else to comfort him, save the reflections of an ill spent life; let me here call your attention to your cousin Peter who forsook and disained the council of his father and friends and left to mingle in other society without a guardian protector; and yet this is only one instance among the many thousands. Upon a moments reflection you will readily perceive that you have the advantage of the experience of your ancestors as well as your own by which you can profit, and wherein they have erred you can avoid without a repetition of the same evils. While in the morn of life, the great fundamental principles which leads to true greatness should be early sought after with untiring perseverance and when once obtained be the firm bases upon which to build and to direct your future course.

Truth, integrity with the ever smiling face of virtue are the three great grand and magnificent ruling principles which leads to true greatness, happiness, immortality and eternal life. And if you wish to become good and great, respect yourself and those to whom respect is due and be busily engaged in those lawful pursuits which will add to your greatest interest and those with whom you are associated. I therefore most earnestly desire that your course and conduct should be such as to reflect honor upon your earthly as well as your Heavenly Father which will be the result, that is if you respect one you will the other. I do not deem it necessary to dwell much longer upon this subject from the fact that you are endowed with intellectual faculties and perceptive powers to comprehend the matter I have so briefly layed before you; I have done this to discharge the responsibilities that rests upon me as a father to his children, to warn you against those evils which more or less predominates, so that when I have stepped on the the other side of the vail and my counsels closed on earth you may think of these things and order your course accordingly. With feelings of high consideration I have the honor to remain your true friend and father.

(Signed) James C. Snow

PS You. will please preserve this.

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LETTER WRITTEN TO JAMES ERASTUS SNOW FROM HIS FATHER JAMES C. SNOW  
Pettyville, Oct. 14, 1878

Erastus My Dear Boy,

Joseph will leave here this week for Provo and I want you to trade the gray horse for a good work animal for me. Will you do it, for he has been a source of trouble to me ever since I had him.

Will you tell Dominicus Snow to write to me and see that he does it and at the same time tell Erastus to write as well as all the rest of the children.

Your father,  
James C. Snow

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Several Expressions of James C. Snow  
as recorded by the Clerk in the Utah Stake Minutes:

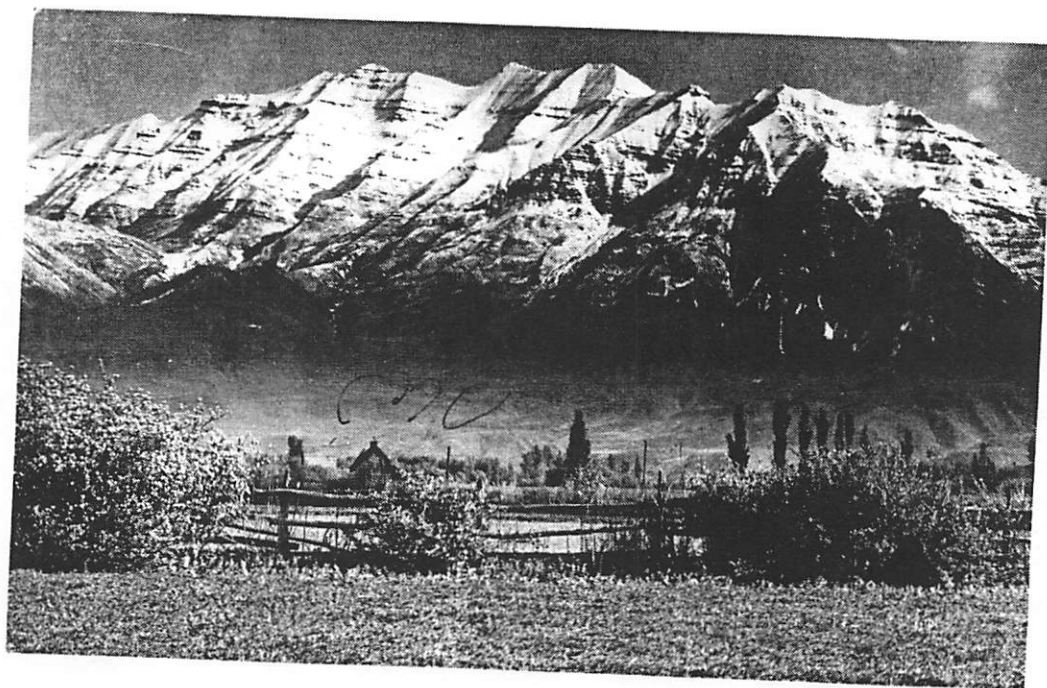
June 7, 1857... The Lord has said by revelation that he would test our fidelity as He did Abraham for He will know whether we intend to be saved or not.. (Charles C. Rich)  
Pres. (James C.) Snow said he was glad to meet with Bro. Smith and Rich on this stand. "I feel first rate and my hide is whole after having been arraigned before the High Council of this stake of Zion, for I was accused of things that I never heard or dreamed of. But I was honorably discharged by one of the Twelve apostles who presided over the High Council. May the Lord bless us is my prayer. in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen." (p.858)

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Sept. 13, 1857. Pres. J. C. Snow said he felt to rejoice and was not tired of sitting. "I received a letter this morning from M. C. Kinsman (his son-in-law) written at the Devils Gate. He says that there were 700 soldiers... coming this way. "But they will come no farther than the Lord would let them. All of you live in your log houses. You would have nothing to sacrifice but bedbugs. My feelings are to build and put our building in good repair and keep them so. In regard to your meeting house—President says to go to work and build as good a house as you can that you may have something to sacrifice if you have to set the torch to it the next day... You must take care of your cattle and not allow them to roust the grain. God has multiplied our grain and our flour. Then let us pray that the Lord will bless our clothing that it need not wax old. May the Lord bless you and save you in his kingdom is my prayer. Amen."

Pres. J.C. Snow and D. Carter blessed a sick child of Bro. Hodget's whose name was Victoria Adelaide... (p.939)

April 11, 1858 Pres. J. C. Snow... "Our enemies have supposed that Mormonism would come to naught. But it only increased the faster and when the parent government required of us 500 men to go to fight against Mexico they found that call was responded to. In this they were sadly disappointed, for they were on hand—if they had not went they intend to have destroyed the Priesthood from the earth. When our enemies came against us in Missouri we did not excuse 700 in numbers to many thousands of our enemies. We did expect to fight our enemies but the Lord overruled without fighting—At the breaking up of Nauvoo about 1400 of our enemies sought to come in there before we was ready for them to come in—and we were under the necessity of fighting to keep them out when there was about 70 of our men left—They kept the enemy out until the poor were helped across the Mississippi River. In regard to the present movement (Government troops) there is wisdom in it, and we should respond to the call without any murmuring. (p.1084)





Provo City April the 10<sup>th</sup> 1872  
To my Children

I have written some off ~~my~~ the history  
of my life when I was in my young  
days and now I am 74 in September  
I will be willing to my history but

Eliza Ann Carter Snow  
was born in 1818 in the Town  
of Sway County of Oxford  
State of Maine her Parents  
names was John Carter and

clothes and said I must go to  
the water she walk one half mile  
and was baptized and confirmed  
in the river call bare river  
and there was a large branch raised  
up in that place and in 1836 myself

ELIZA ANN'S LIFE STORY, Written by herself



I had my Patriarchal Blessing  
under the hand of Father Joseph  
Smith the patriarch then in the Kirtland  
temple. I and others was on the top  
of the temple and sung the spirit  
of song like a choir. I was in years old.

Keep the Lord wife song  
to dress ourselves. another witness  
was her name the mob was blowing  
horns firing of guns all night long  
we was without bread or anything  
to make bread off

Turnt down by a wicked mob painted  
black and I was first to leave and  
go to Sauveo left Sauveo in 1846  
stayd at Council Bluffs until 1851  
and arrived in Provo in 1852

Brown City Feb 22. 1866

Dear Father

Onward rolls the wheels of time. Carrying its votaries over life's tempestuous seas either for good or for evil in the final consummation of all our mortal careers. thirty two years last November I was raised from the watery grave in the Town of ~~St. Johnsbury~~ Vermont. It was there & there that I most solemnly agreed to be a faithful witness for the Gospel of the Son of the Living God & to renounce all allegiance to the Kingdom of Darkness or its adherents since that time I have ever striven although in weakness to truly fulfill my agreement up to this present moment & to battle for freedom & Eternal life. before I entered in to civil marriage I was considered reliable freeborn & half white of which you can hear me preach that I never told you an untruth in my life & Dear Father to be wounded in the house of your friends is one of the most grievous wounds that can be inflicted yet ever time a mans foes shall be those of his own household. last fall I was called to go South & the same day I got the word I offered my house & lot for sale & a part of my Meadow land also my pasture land & was advised <sup>by friends to</sup> keep my farm & a portion of my Meadow & the house & lot part of the Tithing Block & not to sacrifice any of my property since that time I have had no offers save on a credit & a credit would help me to teams & waggon & other things needed & for this reason alone I am yet here.

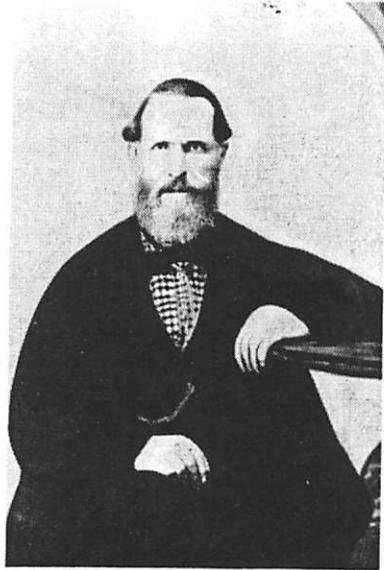
I have not given up this idea of going South as it has been represented to you neither shall I unless President Yarny should order otherwise there has been an undercurrent at work for a long time & my motives & intentions have been misrepresented & traduced & lent.

a few weeks ago Jane & myself was arraigned before the Teacher by Eliza Ann our accuser but we came forth without the smell of fire upon our garments which created quite a sensation but the end is not yet for we are still pursued with avidity still with all the cunning & adroitness that the human heart can possibly invent with a plenty to help it on inspired by that Opposing Spirit which must end in misery to those who are overcome by such an unweritable course. Father I am honest in the cause I am pursuing & feel that I have lived in hell long enough I have no desire to excuse myself from any duty but rather press forward & finally overcome the life I have lived for years past I wish not to live over again sooner I would sleep in mother earth for I only desire to live to do good. Jane joins with me in love to you & Caroline Caroline Gay to Caroline that her Brother is well please write in answer to this & in conclusion we say that we hope to live long enough to prove ourselves worthy of the esteem <sup>of friends</sup> of all good Citizens throughout the Kingdom of God. Most Respectfully your Son James H. Snow

**JAMES CHAUNCEY SNOW**, son of Gardner Snow and Sarah Sawyer Hastings (14) was born 11 January 1817 at Chesterfield, Cheshire County, New Hampshire. He died 30 Apr 1884 at Pettyville, Sanpete, Utah. He married 1st, 10 February 1838, at Kirtland, Geauga, Oh **ELIZA ANN CARTER**. She was born 28 September 1818 at Newry, Oxford, Maine, daughter of John Carter and Hannah Knight Libby. She died 9 March 1897 at Provo, Utah, Utah. Jarr married 2nd, 20 February 1856, **LYDIA CHADWICK**. He married 3rd, 2 December 1856, **JAN CECELIA ROBERTS**. He married 4th, 13 Jan. 1857, **ANN CLARK**.

Children of James Chauncey Snow and Eliza Ann Carter:

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|----------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|-------|
| 1. SARAH JANE,       | b. 30 Oct. 1838, | Far West, Caldwell, Missouri,   |       |
|                      | d. 11 Nov. 1910, | Provo, Utah, Utah,              |       |
|                      | m. 5 Dec. 1853,  | MARSHALL C. KINSMAN.            | (177) |
| 2. JOHN CARTER,      | m. 6 Apr. 1867,  | JOSEPH YOUNG.                   | (177) |
|                      | b. 28 June 1840, | Morley, Hancock, Illinois,      |       |
|                      | d. 10 July 1909, | Provo, Utah, Utah,              |       |
|                      | m. 6 Oct. 1859,  | HARRIET BAKER,                  | (248) |
| 3. DON CARLOS,       | m. 25 Oct. 1883, | ESTHER CHIDESTER PULSIPHER.     |       |
|                      | b. 22 Jan. 1842, | Morley, Hancock, Illinois,      |       |
|                      | d. 17 Nov. 1897, | Provo, Utah, Utah,              |       |
|                      | m. 20 Oct. 1862, | MARY ELIZABETH HALLETT.         | (255) |
| 4. ELIZA ANN,        | m. 6 Dec. 1875,  | SARAH MONTAGUE.                 | (255) |
|                      | b. 25 Aug. 1843, | Morley, Hancock, Illinois,      |       |
|                      | d. 8 Feb. 1901,  | Provo, Utah, Utah,              |       |
| 5. JAMES ERASTUS,    | m. 16 July 1862, | CALEB WILLIAM HAWS.             | (270) |
|                      | b. 26 Mar. 1846, | Nauvoo, Hancock, Illinois,      |       |
|                      | d. 7 Sep. 1919,  | Provo, Utah, Utah,              |       |
| 6. RICHARD CARTER,   | m. 5 June 1871,  | JOSEPHINE FERRE.                | (276) |
|                      | b. 5 Oct. 1848,  | Cartersville, Pottawatt., Iowa, |       |
|                      | d. 25 Mar. 1922, | Provo, Utah, Utah,              |       |
| 7. DOMINICUS CARTER, | m. 1 Jan. 1871,  | MARY BARBARA BAY.               | (294) |
|                      | b. 18 June 1851, | Cartersville, Pottawatt., Iowa, |       |
|                      | d. 9 Feb. 1919,  | Provo, Utah, Utah,              |       |
| 8. MARY ELLEN,       | m. 24 Mar. 1881, | HANNAH SELENA HARRISON.         | (312) |
|                      | b. abt. 1853,    | Provo, Utah, Utah,              |       |
| 9. ARLETTA COLISTA,  | d. child         | Provo, Utah, Utah.              |       |
|                      | b. 30 June 1857, | Provo, Utah, Utah,              |       |
|                      | d. 15 Apr. 1920, | Provo, Utah, Utah.              |       |
|                      | unmd.            |                                 |       |



JAMES CHAUNCEY SNOW



ELIZA ANN CARTER SNOW, age 20



THE SNOW SISTERS





JAMES and ELIZA ANN's FAMILY

Picture taken March 1897, after death of Eliza

L-R Sitting: Don Carlos, Eliza Ann, Richard Carter, Arletta, Erastus Standing: Dominicus, Sarah Jane, John Carter